

Dance & Drama Class Schedule

Classes Begin September 5, 2018

Poage Arts & Recreation Center

2020 N.Oakland Ave.

Monday - Studio I

Instructor - AB

No Classes Dec. 24 & 31 / Jan. 7 / March 11 / April 22

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Tu Tu Toddler, Sec I
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Lyrical II (ages 11 - 13)
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Tiny Dancer
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Greater Decatur Chorale

Tuesday - Studio I

Instructors: MJT/MC

No Classes Nov. 20 / Dec. 25 / Jan. 1 & 8 / March 12

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Adult Tap (MJT)
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Ballet I (MC)
6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Tap II (MC)
7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Ballet II (MC)

Wednesday - Studio I

Instructors: MJT / SP

No Classes Oct. 31 / Nov. 21 / Dec. 26 / Jan. 2 / March 13

4:30 - 5:20 p.m. Tap V* (MJT)
5:20 - 6:20 p.m. Jazz Hop V* (MJT)
6:20 - 7:20 p.m. Ballet IV* (SP)
7:20 - 8:00 p.m. Pointe I* (SP)
8:00 - 9:15 p.m. Ballet V* (SP)

Thursday - Studio I

Instructor: MJT / MD

No Classes Nov. 22 / Dec. 20 & 27 / Jan. 3 / March 14

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Tap IV* (MJT)
5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Step Into Dance Section II (MJT)
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Tap I (MD)
7:20 - 8:10 p.m. Lyrical I (ages 10 - 13) (MD)

Drama

Monday / 4 Weeks / Oct. 8, 15, 22 & 29

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Stage Make-Up

Thursday / 6 Weeks / Sept. 20 - Oct. 25

5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Tech Theatre; Faux Painting

Saturday / 4 weeks / Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Fairy Tales Ages 3 - 6 (MM)

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Park Players 7 - 14 (MM)

Monday - Studio II

Instructors - CB / AB

No Classes Dec. 24 & 31 / Jan. 7 / March 11 / April 22

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Lyrical III (ages 14 - adult) (CB)
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Adult Hip Hop (ages 14 - adult) (CB)
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Jazz Hop III (AB)
7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Tap III (AB)

Tuesday - Studio II

Instructors: MC / MWM

No Classes Nov. 20 / Dec. 25 / Jan. 1 & 8 / March 12

4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Step Into Dance Section I (MC)
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Jazz Hop II (MWM)
6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Jazz Hop I Sec I (MWM)
7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Ballet III (MWM)

Wednesday - Studio II

Instructor: CM / MJT

No Classes Oct. 31 / Nov. 21 / Dec. 26 / Jan. 2 / March 13

4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Hip Hop (ages 8 - 12) (CB)
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Jazz Hop I Sec II (CB)
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Tu Tu Toddler Sec II (CB)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tech Ballet (12 - adult) (MJT)
7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Teen+ Tap (TBD)
8:15 - 9:00 p.m. Teen+ Jazz (TBD)

Thursday - Studio II

Instructor: AB / HC

No Classes Nov. 22 / Dec. 20 & 27 / Jan. 3 / March 14

5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Hip Hop Tot Sec I (AB)
5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Jazz Hop IV* (AB)
6:30 - 7:20 p.m. Hip Hop/Tap Combo (ages 10-13) (AB)
7:20 - 8:20 p.m. K Pop (ages 14 - adult) (HC)

***Placement Approved by MJT**

Dance Season

Sept. 5 - Dec. 19, 2018 &

Jan. 9 - May 11, 2019

Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 20 - 25

Christmas Break - Dec. 20 - Jan. 8

Classes Resume - Jan. 9

Spring Break - Mar. 11 - 15

Recital - May 10 & 11

Parent Observation - Oct. 22 - Oct. 25

& Mar. 4 - Mar. 7

Levels

Tiny Dancer	Ages 2.5 - 5
TuTu Toddler	Ages 3 - 5
Hip Hop Tot	Ages 4 - 5
Step Into Dance	Ages 5 - 6
Level I	Ages 6 - 9
Level II	Ages 8 - 11
Level III	Ages 10 - 13
Level IV	Ages 12 - 18 (or by invitation)
Level V	Ages 14+ (or by invitation)
Adult	Ages 14+

Staff Bio's

Marie Jagger-Taylor (Ms. Marie) is the Cultural Arts Manager for the Decatur Park District and a member of Actors Equity Association, Chicago National Association of Dance Masters, and a Certified Dance Educator. She is a past member of AFTRA and SAG. Prior to the Decatur Park District, Marie enjoyed being a professional actress/dancer/choreographer and director. Marie has developed curricula and taught musical theatre and dance in various capacities for the past 30 years. She served as adjunct professor of dance at Millikin University (Decatur, IL) for 12 years and as Director of Education for the Little Theatre on the Square (Sullivan, IL) for 10 years. She is the recipient of the At the Decatur Park District, she has been instrumental in building community interest and involvement in the arts, where she manages all of the Cultural Arts programming. Marie is the recipient of the 2011 Women of Excellence award for her work in the Cultural Arts, the Jennifer Song Community Spirit Award and the 2018 Tony Award Honorable Mention in Theatre Education Award, presented by the Tony Awards and Carnegie Mellon University.

Tami Robinson is the Cultural Arts Supervisor for the Decatur Park District. Tami served as instructor of dance at the Little Theatre on the Square, the Decatur Park District and assists in various capacities to ensure quality programming in the Arts. She has always had a passion for arts and teaching, and at the Park District she has the opportunity to pursue both of her passions.

Jen Petagno is the Cultural Arts Technical Supervisor, joining the staff May 2017. A 2014 Millikin University graduate with a degree in Technical Theatre, Jen's emphasis was in technical direction and scenic painting. While at Millikin, Jen was scenic artist for the Department of Agriculture State Fair Display and scenic designer for a production at the Station Theatre. At MU Jen served as Technical Director and Paint Charge for various MU productions. Since 2013, Jen has worked part time for the Park District in our Cultural Arts programs as a technician, scenic designer, scenic artist, and assisted with many special events and cultural art activities.

Alexis Brown has been dancing since she was 8 yrs old, most recently at ISU where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Management in 2017. Following graduation, she taught preschool – 8th grade dance at Holy Family Parish School in Peoria, Illinois. She joined the Park District dance faculty in January of 2018. "I absolutely love getting to know my students and share my passion for the art of dance with them. I am very excited to continue teaching in Decatur!"

Cassidy Burroughs is a Millikin University theatre major, dancer and soccer player. She is from Greensboro, North Carolina and a former dancer at Break'N Out Dance Studio. She has taught at The Dance Center of Greensboro and is thrilled to be on staff at DPD.

Hyelim Cho began dancing ballet, when she was 5 years old. She was involved with dance team through her high school years as performer and choreographer. While in college at Emory University in Atlanta, she started a dance team called "PersuAsian" (which now is "Persuasion"). The team still performs actively in Atlanta. Hyelim was also a backup dancer for many artists in Atlanta. After college, she returned home to Korea and worked at Defdance School, the biggest K-Pop dance academy in Korea, where she taught and choreographed for K-pop artists.

Michele Collingwood graduated from University of Wisconsin Stevens Point with a Bachelor of Science in Dance Education. Performed at Six Flags Great America and Disneyworld. I really don't remember not dancing, since some of my earliest memories are at the studio since age 4 with Al Gilbert tap lessons. I love the process of teaching and the smiles on students faces when they finally get a step. I get great joy when children first skip and students have a bad day and feel better after they "dance it all away."

Megan Dickerson (Ms. Megan) returns to share her love and passion of dance with all of us! Ms. Megan served as the Cultural Arts Supervisor from 2008 – 2013 where she taught and supervised the dance program. She is currently the Multiple Line Representative at Al Schelling State Farm Agency where she is licensed to provide Auto, Home, Life, and Health Insurance needs. Ms. Megan is excited to return as an instructor for our students and looking forward to being part of the dance family!

Madeline Welch Morthland grew up dancing and is a 2014 alumnus of the Decatur Park District Dance Program. A recent graduate of Millikin University, she danced for 2 years and performed with their hip-hop group Physical Graffiti. She begins her first year of teaching K – 2nd grade at Franklin Elementary working with social, emotional and behavioral disabilities and is thrilled to share her passion for dancing with all of us.

Morgen Mosley is a passionate artist that recently moved to Decatur, IL from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Acting. She has acted on stage and in films, but her passion doesn't stop there. Trained in directing, special effects makeup, stage combat, and improv, she likes to use all her knowledge and experience to impact the community around her and to inspire others to reach for their dreams.

Sarah Pierce, a native of Decatur, began her dance training at the age of five in Decatur through her 7th grade year. She then continued her dance training through high school with the Twin Cities School of Dance in Bloomington with Alexander Bennett of the Royal Scottish Ballet. While attending Millikin Sarah completed her degree in English Writing with a minor in dance. During Millikin, she taught dance in various capacities and is excited to return and share her ballet background with the Decatur Park District.